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JFK Has Difficulties

President Kennedy is experiencing difficulty in obtaining the men he wants for top government positions. This situation is a continuation of one that has existed ever since he won the presidential elections and began trying to form his cabinet.

Recently, for instance, he asked Thomas J. Watson Jr., head of International Business Machines Corporation, to head up the Agency for International Development, successor to the foreign aid program in transition. Watson declined. Earlier he had unsuccessfully sought to have Watson take over a high position in the Pentagon.

Another long in public life, Clark Clifford, former aide to President Harry Truman, was asked to succeed Allen Dulles as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. Clifford refused, and Kennedy took his recommendation and named John A. McCone to the job.

What concerns some White House aides is that both men are believed to be successors to the Attorney General appointment, and apparently each wants a more definite offer than has been offered so far. The word is that Watson wants to be the Secretary of Defense and that Clifford wants an appointment to the Supreme Court.

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